

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please insert the following after the subtitle "CLAIMS" at line 5, on page 14:

--WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: - -.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled) – 7. (Cancelled).

8. (New) A safety seat comprising:

a seat body including a base portion for being positioned on an existing seat of a vehicle and a back portion extending up from the base portion;

divider means connected to the seat body for subdividing the seat body to provide a plurality of individual seats for accommodating two or more children side-by-side;

releasable anchoring means for connecting the seat body to anchorage points in the vehicle for securing the seat body therein; and

support legs for engaging a body of the vehicle below the base portion and for supporting and providing additional rigidity to the seat body, the support legs being connected to the base portion for vertical and horizontal movement with respect to the base portion, the leg assemblies having a thigh portion to engage the body and a lower portion connected to the thigh portion to engage the body of the vehicle and characterized in that the thigh portion has located therein a reinforcing bar to provide energy absorbing means adapted to absorb energy in the event of the vehicle being involved in an accident.

9. (New) A safety seat comprising:

a seat body including a base portion for being positioned on an existing seat of a

vehicle and a back portion extending up from the base portion;

divider means connected to the seat body for sub-dividing the seat body to provide a plurality of individual seats for accommodating two or more children side-by-side;

releasable anchoring means for connecting the seat body to anchorage points in the vehicle for securing the seat body therein;

support legs for engaging a body of the vehicle below the base portion and for supporting and providing additional rigidity to the seat body, the support legs being connected to the base portion for vertical and horizontal movement with respect to the base portion, the support legs comprising an upper generally horizontal portion and a vertical portion, wherein the horizontal portion comprises inner reinforcement means adapted to absorb energy in the event of the vehicle being involved in an accident.

10. (New) A seat according to Claim 8, wherein the horizontal portion is adapted to bend upwardly away from the seat.

11. (New) A seat according to Claim 9, wherein the horizontal portion is adapted to bend upwardly away from the seat.

12. (New) A seat according to Claim 9, wherein the inner reinforcement means comprises a rod secured in the horizontal portion.

13. (New) A seat according to Claim 8, wherein the forward end of the horizontal or thigh portion is adapted to bend upwardly in the event of a crash.

14. (New) A safety seat comprising:

a seat body having divider means for sub-dividing the seat body to provide a plurality of individual seats for accommodating two or more children side by side and

support legs for engaging a body of the vehicle below the seat and wherein the seat body has elongate sockets extending in a forward direction when the seat is located in a vehicle;

said sockets being positioned, dimensioned and arranged to accommodate a horizontal or thigh portion of the legs; and

said legs being adopted to absorb energy in the event of the vehicle being involved in an accident and being arranged, subsequent to an accident, for the horizontal portion to bend and the leg to be lifted from the vehicle once the energy has been absorbed.